

April Vote History

Agriculture

(185) - HR 1256: Tobacco
Regulation - Substitute

April 02, 2009 - Buyer, R-Ind., substitute amendment that would create a center within the Health and Human Services Department to regulate tobacco products but would not regulate the marketing or advertising of the products or smokeless tobacco products as strictly. It would eliminate the user fees on tobacco manufacturers and importers, prohibit restrictions on raw tobacco growers and prohibit tobacco or nicotine products from being regulated as a food, drug or device under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, except for those marketed for use as a medical treatment. Rejected 142-284.

Vote: Nay

(186) - HR 1256: Tobacco
Regulation - Recommit

April 02, 2009 - Rogers, R-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would bar the use of funds other than the user fees collected from tobacco manufacturers and importers to pay for the regulations authorized under the bill.

Vote: Yea

(187) - HR 1256: Tobacco Regulation - Passage

April 02, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate the manufacturing, sale and promotion of tobacco products. The agency would be required to establish tobacco product standards for labeling, nicotine yields and other harmful components if it determines it is necessary to protect public health. It would prohibit the FDA from banning any class of tobacco products or eliminating nicotine levels completely and allow individuals adversely affected by performance standards or pre-market review regulations to file a petition within 30 days with a federal court of appeals. It would require the Health and Human Services Department to collect user fees from tobacco manufacturers and importers on a quarterly basis to help pay for the bill's authorization. Passed 298-112.

Vote: Nay

Budget, Taxes, and the
Economy

(178) - HR 1575:
Compensation Payments - Passage

April 01, 2009 - Conyers, D-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the attorney general to recover certain compensation payments given after Sept. 1, 2008 to employees of companies that received more than \$10 billion in assistance after that date. Excessive employee compensation would be deemed a fraudulent transfer of funds, allowing the Justice Department to file civil actions to force return of the payments. Motion rejected 223-196.

Vote: Nay

(180) - HR 1664: Executive
Compensation Standards - Payment Schedule

April 01, 2009 - Bean, D-Ill., amendment that would allow entities that abide by a payment schedule set by the Treasury Department. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 228-198.

Vote: Yea

(188) - H Con Res 85: Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution -
Congressional Progressive Caucus Substitute

April 02, 2009 - Woolsey, D-Calif., substitute amendment that would set non-defense, domestic discretionary spending at \$991 billion for fiscal 2010. It would set defense spending levels at \$479 billion, call for a stop in the redeployment of soldiers and military contractors in Iraq and call for the phasing out of certain military weapons and vehicles. The substitute also would assume a repeal of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for the top 1 percent of U.S. households and the elimination of certain corporate tax provisions. It would call for increased funding for health care, education, veterans issues, poverty reduction, foreign assistance, combating global warming and creation of renewable energy projects. Rejected in Committee of the Whole 84-348.

Vote: Nay

(189) - H Con Res 85:
Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution - Republican Study Committee Substitute

April 02, 2009 - Jordan, R-Ohio, substitute amendment that would set total spending outlays at \$2.59 trillion for fiscal 2010 and project a budget surplus within 10 years. It would assume an extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and would provide for reconciliation legislation to cut taxes by \$1.2 trillion and reduce mandatory spending by \$482 billion over five years. It also would call on House committees to identify savings, no later than June 15, amounting to 1 percent of total mandatory spending under their jurisdictions from activities determined to be wasteful, unnecessary or lower-priority.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole 111-322.

Vote: Yea

(190) - H Con Res 85: Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution -
Congressional Black Caucus Substitute

April 02, 2009 - Lee, D-Calif., substitute amendment that would set total spending outlays at \$3.02 trillion in fiscal 2010. It would assume increased federal revenue by a repeal of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts on the top 1 percent of U.S. households. It also would call for a 0.6 percent surtax on adjustable gross income exceeding \$500,000 for individuals (\$1 million for joint filers) and as well as increased funding for

health care, education, veterans issues, foreign assistance, job training, justice and transportation.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole 113-318.

Vote: Nay

(191) - H Con Res 85: Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution -
Republican Substitute

April 02, 2009 - Ryan, R-Wis., substitute amendment that would set total spending outlays at \$2.73 trillion in fiscal 2010 and freeze funding levels in all areas except defense and veterans spending. It would assume an extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for the top 1 percent of U.S. households, provide for reconciliation legislation to reduce mandatory spending by \$1.38 trillion over 10 years and place a moratorium on earmarks. Rejected in Committee of the Whole 137-293.

Vote: Yea

(192) - H Con Res 85: Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution -
Adoption

April 02, 2009 - Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would allow up to \$1.089 trillion in non-emergency discretionary spending for fiscal 2010, plus \$130 billion in fiscal 2010 for the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would create 17 reserve funds, each with a specific purpose to allow for increases in spending or changes in tax policy, provided the increase is offset. It would call on the Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Labor committees to report reconciliation bills that reduce the deficit by \$1 billion from fiscal 2009 to 2014, to provide for health care and education legislation. It also would assume a reduction of the deficit to \$598 billion by fiscal 2014.

Adopted 233-196.

Vote: Nay

(216) - S Con Res 13:
Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution - Conference Report

April 29, 2009 - Adoption of the conference

report on the concurrent resolution that would allow up to \$1.086 trillion in non-emergency discretionary spending for fiscal 2010, plus \$130 billion in fiscal 2010 for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would assume \$764 billion in tax cuts over five years, including an extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for households earning less than \$250,000 annually, a three-year adjustment to prevent additional taxpayers from paying the alternative minimum tax and a permanent extension of the 2009 estate tax levels. It includes reconciliation instructions to House and Senate committees to report a total of \$2 billion in savings, presumably from health care and student loan program, by Oct. 15. It would create a deficit-neutral reserve fund for health care and climate change legislation. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 233-193.

Vote: Nay

(217) - H Res 357:
Financial Literacy Month - Adoption

April 29, 2009 - Moore, D-Kan., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month and recognize the importance of managing personal finances, increasing savings and reducing debt. Motion agreed to 419-3.

Vote: Yea

(225) - HR 627: Credit Card Company Regulations - College Student Credit Limit

April 30, 2009 - Slaughter, D-N.Y., amendment that would limit credit lines for full-time college students ages 18-20 to the greater 20 percent of a student's annual income or \$500 if there is no cosigner on the account. It would prohibit companies from issuing cards to students who already have one. It would require creditors to obtain proof of income, and credit and income history from college students before issuing a credit card.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole 276-154.

Vote: Nay

(226) - HR 627: Credit Card Company Regulations - Over Limit Fees

April 30, 2009 - Maloney, D-N.Y., amendment that would prohibit credit card companies from charging fees when individuals spend beyond their credit limit unless the cardholder has opted verbally or in writing for the ability to spend over their credit limit.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole 284-149

Vote: Nay

(227) - HR 627: Credit Card Company Regulations - Recommit

April 30, 2009 - Roskam, R-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the Financial Services Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with language that would prevent the bill's provisions from taking effect until the Federal Reserve System completes a study determining whether the bill would reduce available credit to small businesses. Motion rejected 164-263.

Vote: Yea

(228) - HR 627: Credit Card Company Regulations - Passage

April 30, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would impose restrictions on credit card company lending practices. It would restrict when companies could increase annual percentage interest rates retroactively on an existing balance, require companies to give at least 45 days notice before increasing an annual percentage rate or changing an open-ended contract and restrict companies from computing interest charges on balances from more than one billing cycle. Credit companies would not be allowed to use the term "fixed rate" except when referring to a rate that will not change for any reason over a set period and or the term "prime rate" except when referring to the rate published by the Federal Reserve System. It would require the Federal Reserve to establish standards for payment plans under an open-ended consumer credit plan, collect information on the lending practices of credit card companies and report to Congress annually on its findings. Passed 357-70.

Vote: Yea

Domestic Issues

(179) - H Res 290: Oakland Police Officers - Adoption

April 01, 2009 - Conyers, D-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would extend condolences to the families of sergeants Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romans, Daniel Sakai and officer John Hege of the Oakland Police Department in Oakland, Calif., who died in the line of duty on March 21. Motion agreed to 417-0.

Vote: Yea

(193) - HR 388: Crane Conservation - Passage

April 21, 2009 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish a grant program to protect crane populations and authorize \$5 million annually from fiscal 2010 through 2014 for the program. Motion agreed to 288-116.

Vote: Nay

(194) - HR 411: Rare Cat and Dog Conservation Programs - Passage

April 21, 2009 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$5 million annually between fiscal 2009 through 2013 for a grant program for rare cat and dog conservation activities in other countries. Motion agreed to 290-118.

Vote: Nay

(197) - HR 586: Civil Rights Testimonials - Passage

April 22, 2009 - Brady, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$500,000 in fiscal 2010 and such sums as necessary in fiscal 2011-14 for the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution to gather testimonials of individuals who participated in the civil rights movement. Motion agreed to 422-0.

Vote: Yea

(206) - HR 1139: Community Oriented Policing Services -
Passage

April 23, 2009 - Weiner, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$18.4 billion over six years for the Justice Department's Community Oriented Policing Services program and expand types of activities eligible for program grants. The bill would eliminate the requirement that half of program funding go to grants in areas with populations of more than 150,000 people, increase from 3 percent to 5 percent the amount of funding used to provide technical assistance to states and localities, and require individuals recruited through the Troops to Cops program be honorably discharged members of the military. Motion agreed to 342-78.

Vote: Yea

(207) House Vote 207 - H Res 329: Steamboat
Accident Anniversary - Adoption

April 27, 2009 - Snyder, D-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the 144-year anniversary of the steamboat ship SS Sultana accident, honor the memory of the soldiers and passengers who died in the accident and express regret for the lack of oversight that led to the explosion. Motion agreed to 393-0.

Vote: Yea

(209) - H Res 335: National Volunteer Week - Adoption

April 27, 2009 - Sablan, I-N. Marianas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals and ideals of National Volunteer Week, recognize the critical role of service programs and honor the contributions of American volunteers.

Vote: Yea

(211) - H Res 344: University of Connecticut Women's
Basketball - Adoption

April 28, 2009 - Sablan, I-N. Marianas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend the University of Connecticut for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's basketball tournament.

Motion agreed to 425-0.

Vote: Yea

(215) - H Res 335: National Volunteer Week – Adoption

April 28, 2009 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a post office in Rochester, N.Y., as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building."
Motion agreed to 420-0.

Vote: Yea

(218) - H Res 109: National Crime Victims' Rights Week - Adoption

April 29, 2009 - Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and recognize the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

Motion agreed to 422-0.

Vote: Yea

(219) - HR 1913: Hate Crimes Prosecution - Previous Question

April 29, 2009 - Hastings, D-Fla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 372) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would expand the definition of federal hate crimes, and authorize funding for the hiring of additional personnel and the allocation of grants for the investigation and prosecution of such crimes.
Motion agreed to 234-181.

Vote: Nay

(222) - HR 1913: Hate Crimes Prosecution - Recommit

April 29, 2009 - Gohmert, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee that would authorize the death penalty for certain violent hate crimes and expand federal hate crimes law to cover acts committed against individuals based on their age, or armed forces or law enforcement status. Motion rejected 185-241.

Vote: Yea

(223) - HR 1913: Hate Crimes Prosecution - Passage

April 29, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would expand federal hate crimes law to cover those based on sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. Crimes motivated by gender identity or sexual orientation in which fire, a gun or bomb are used would be punishable by a fine and up to 10 years in prison. Crimes involving kidnapping or murder would be punishable by life in prison. The bill would authorize \$5 million annually in fiscal 2010 and 2011 for grants to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute hate crimes. It would authorize unspecified sums in fiscal 2010 through 2012 for the Justice Department to hire additional law enforcement personnel to prevent and respond to federal hate crimes. Passed 249-175.

Vote: Nay

Energy, Environment, and
Federal Land

(195) - HR 1219: Lake
Hodges Water Projects - Passage

April 21, 2009 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the Interior Department

to work with the Olivenhain Municipal Water District on projects to improve surface water from Lake Hodges in San Diego County, Calif. Motion agreed to 362-43.

Vote: Yea

(199) - HR 957: Higher Education Energy Programs - Passage

April 22, 2009 - Gordon, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Energy Department to give energy research and development funds to the National Science Foundation for graduate education and training programs, and for interdisciplinary engineering and architecture education programs related to high performance buildings. Motion agreed to 411-6.

Vote: Yea

(200) - HR 1145: National Water Quality and Development - Natural Disaster Impact

April 23, 2009 - Kosmas, D-Fla., amendment that would require the interagency committee established by the bill to assess the impact of natural disasters, such as floods, hurricanes and tornadoes, on water resources. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 424-0.

Vote: Yea

(201) - HR 1145: National Water Quality and Development - Renewable Energy Analysis

April 23, 2009 - Teague, D-N.M., amendment that would require the national water research and assessment plan to include analysis of the amount, proximity and type of water required for the production of alternative and renewable energy resources.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole 423-1

Vote: Yea

(202) - HR 1145: National Water Quality and Development -
GAO Duplication Study

April 23, 2009 - Roskam, R-Ill., amendment
that would require the Government Accountability Office to study and report on
whether any of the requirements of the bill duplicate responsibilities of
existing programs and require the president to use the office's study to
determine if the programs are duplicated. Rejected in Committee of the Whole
194-236.

Vote: Yea

(203) - HR 1145: National Water Quality and Development -
Interagency Duplication Study

April 23, 2009 - Shadegg, R-Ariz., amendment
that would require the interagency committee created in the bill to identify
duplicated federal water-related activities and make recommendations to the
president on how to avoid such duplication. It would require the president to
ensure federal agencies participating in the national water quality and
development initiative do not request appropriations for duplicated activities.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole 160-271.

Vote: Yea

(204) HR 1145: National Water Quality and Development -
Recommit

April 23, 2009 - Nunes, R-Calif., motion to
recommit the bill to the Science and Technology Committee with instructions
that it be immediately reported back with language that would require the
president to submit a report to Congress within 90 days of the bill's
enactment, identifying the statutory or regulatory barriers that contribute to
job loss in rural or agricultural areas by preventing the use of technology,
technique, data collection method or model, and require the president to
recommend steps to mitigate those impacts. Motion agreed to 392-28.

Vote: Yea

(205) - HR 1145: National Water Quality and Development -
Passage

April 23, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would authorize \$2 million annually from fiscal 2010 through 2012 for the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for an initiative to improve national water research and development. The bill would require that an interagency committee and a coordinating office to oversee the committee be created within three months of the bill's enactment, and require the committee to develop a national water research and assessment plan in coordination with state, local and tribal governments. Passed 413-10.

Vote: Yea

(210) HR 1145: National
Water Quality and Development - Recommit

April 28, 2009 - Baca, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$30,000 to create a gold medal to recognize Arnold Palmer's service in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship, and allow the Treasury to create duplicate medals to be sold to cover the medals' production costs. Motion agreed to 422-1.

Vote: Yea

Healthcare

(198) - S Con Res 13: Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution - Motion to
Instruct

April 22, 2009 - Ryan, R-Wis., motion to instruct conferees to strike provisions in the resolution that would call on the Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Labor committees to report reconciliation bills to provide for health care and education legislation. It would instruct conferees to provide for a point of order against legislation that would prohibit individuals from keeping their health plan or choice of doctor, insist on a conference report that bars changes in allocations for legislation that would decrease greenhouse gas emissions and call for a point of order against legislation that would increase revenue above levels established in the budget resolution. Motion rejected 196-227.

Vote: Yea

(193) - HR 388: Crane
Conservation - Passage

April 21, 2009 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion
to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish a grant program to
protect crane populations and authorize \$5 million annually from fiscal 2010
through 2014 for the program. Motion agreed to 288-116.

Vote: Nay

(193) - HR 388: Crane Conservation - Passage

April 21, 2009 - Christensen, D-V.I., motion
to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish a grant program to
protect crane populations and authorize \$5 million annually from fiscal 2010
through 2014 for the program. Motion agreed to 288-116.

Vote: Nay

Homeland Security

(196) - HR 1746: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program - Passage

April 22, 2009 - Brady, D-Pa., motion to
suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the House of
Representatives to provide supplemental income to House employees involuntarily
called to active duty as armed forces reservists, by paying the difference
between employees' military salaries and House salaries. Individuals would have
to be House employees for at least 90 days before military activation to
receive the supplemental pay. Motion agreed to 423-0.

Vote: Yea

(208) - HR 1746:
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program - Passage

April 27, 2009 - Oberstar, D-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$250 million annually from fiscal 2010 through 2012 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's pre-disaster mitigation program. The bill would increase the amount of program funding a state can receive to \$575,000, stipulating that states would not receive less than that amount or 1 percent of funds annually appropriated for the program.

Vote: Yea

Housing

(182) - HR 1664: Executive Compensation Standards - Passage

April 01, 2009 - Passage of the bill that would require the Treasury Department to meet with the Troubled Asset Relief Program's congressional oversight panel within 30 days of the bill's enactment to establish standards of excessive compensation for companies that received funds from the program and for Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Bank System. It would prohibit the entities from paying compensation deemed excessive, including certain bonuses and payments not related to performance standards set by bank regulators. The bill would require entities to report to the department within 90 days of the bill's enactment, and every subsequent year, on the number of employees that receive compensation of more than \$500,000, \$1 million, \$2 million, \$3 million and \$5 million. Passed 247-171.

Vote: Nay

(221) - HR 46: Family Self-Sufficiency Program - Passage

April 29, 2009 - Baca, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide new incentives for agencies that participate in the Housing and Urban Department's family self-sufficiency program. It would require HUD to charge all local public housing agencies a fee to cover the costs of the program. It would authorize \$10 million for an evaluation of the effectiveness of such programs and require HUD to submit a report to Congress four and eight years after the bill's enactment. Motion agreed to 397-19.

Vote: Yea

War on Terror, Armed
Forces and Veterans

(212) - S Con Res 13:
Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution - Same-Day Consideration

April 28, 2009 - Adoption of the rule (H Res 365) that would waive the two-thirds majority vote requirement for same-day consideration of a rule (H Res 371) for the conference report on the concurrent resolution that would allow up to \$1.086 trillion in non-emergency discretionary spending for fiscal 2010, plus \$130 billion in fiscal 2010 for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Adopted 233-191.

Vote: Yea

(213) - S Con Res 13, HRES371: Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution
- Two-Day Debate

April 28, 2009 - McGovern, D-Mass., amendment to the rule (H Res 371) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the concurrent resolution that would allow up to \$1.086 trillion in non-emergency discretionary spending for fiscal 2010, plus \$130 billion in fiscal 2010 for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The amendment would allow the chair to postpone further consideration of the conference report to such time as designated by the Speaker, allowing for debate to take place over a two-day period. Adopted 240-179.

Vote: Yea

(214) - S Con Res 13: Fiscal 2010 Budget Resolution - Rule

April 28,
2009 - Adoption of the rule (H Res 371) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the concurrent resolution that would allow up to \$1.086 trillion in non-emergency discretionary spending for fiscal 2010, plus \$130 billion in fiscal 2010 for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Adopted 234-185.

Vote: Nay
